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## **PRESS**

**SF Chronicle** (Jason Fagone, Cynthia Dizikes) [Received 7/23] – OPEN – Reporters are writing a story about HPNS Building 606. They have a new follow-up question regarding our response about Building 606. Will

**SFGATE** (Drew Costley) [Received 7/23] – OPEN – Reporter is requesting an interview with EPA about the results of a Stanford University study showing that natural sources of the toxic form of chromium appear in wells that provide drinking water to a large population in California. Asked reporter for additional details, waiting to hear back. WTR, NorCal, Michele Huitric

**KALW, NPR-affiliate** (Wendy Holcombe) [Received 7/17] – CLOSED – Producer is putting together a show for 7/23 on the Bayview/Hunters Point Shipyard cleanup and development and has asked if someone from EPA would be able to join the panel discussion. Provided written statement, declined panel participation. SFD, NorCal, Michele Huitric

**CurbedSF** (Chris Roberts) [Received 7/17] – OPEN – Reporter has questions regarding storm/sewer lines at Parcel A-1 of the former Navy shipyard at Hunters Point. Working with program on response. SFD. NorCal. Michele Huitric

SF Chronicle (Erin Stone) [Received 7/3] – CLOSED – Reporter is working on a story about recovery efforts after the October 2017 Northern California fires and wants to include mention of EPA's role. Provided written response. SFD, NorCal, Michele Huitric

## **WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA**

#### Social Media:

**Superfund Task Force** – Posted two messages to our <u>Twitter</u> page about the Superfund Task Force and linked to the <u>Superfund Task Force</u> page and the <u>EPA home page</u> which features links to the news release, video, 2018 update and story map.

#### Web Updates:

Clean Water Act Public Notices – Archived the Public Notice: Modern Concepts Inc., Compton, California; Proposed Settlement of Clean Water Act Class I Administrative Penalty and Opportunity to Comment and the Public Notice: Engineered Coatings Inc.; Proposed Settlement of Clean Water Act Class I Administrative Penalty and Opportunity to Comment.

### CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

**Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (HI)** – Staffer Kirsten Turner had follow-up questions on the Lahaina WWTP and its legal case in regards to permit status. WTR Division Director Tomas Torres provided the staffer with a summary of the legal activities concerning the Lahaina facility and provided a time line of where HDOH is in terms of permit development for the

facility. Dean Higuchi.

Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA-12): Brent Maier received a request from Adriana Hidalgo, District Scheduler / Executive Assistant, for Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, Democratic Leader who was inquiring about the feasibility an in person onsite briefing at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard (HPNS) on the morning of Tuesday, July 31, to discuss the plans for retesting. Following the briefing, the Leader Pelosi hopes to participate in a site tour that includes parcels previously handled by Tetra Tech. The request was sent to both EPA and the Navy. Brent shared this request with Superfund's Lily Lee, John Chesnutt, Angeles Herrera, and Enrique Manzanilla as well as Chief of Staff Amy Miller and Acting Deputy RA Deborah Jordan and OPA's Kelly Zito, Bill Glenn, and Michelle Huitric. Brent can respond back to the District Scheduler once Superfund's management team reviews the request.

**Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24):** At the request of Water Division's Mike Montgomery, Brent Maier reached out to the Congressman's staff to schedule a follow-up call to our recent response letter on the public meeting request for the Arroyo Grande Oil Field aquifer exemption. A call was held today with Chris Henson, District Director; Greg Haas, District Representative; and Johanna Montiel, Environmental Legislative Assistant to discuss EPA's availability to participate in a public meeting that the Congressman's office would host and would extend invitations to EPA along with other State agencies and the Arroyo Grande Oil Field operator to. Participants in today's call included Water Division's Mike Montgomery and Kate Rao and Office of Public Affairs' Soledad Calvino and Brent Maier.

## **Upcoming Congressional Meetings, Hearings, Intergovernmental Meetings and Events:**

Wednesday, July 25, 2018 - House Oversight and Government Reform Committee: The Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs will hold a July 25 hearing on federal grants management across the executive branch. 2:00pm ET. https://oversight.house.gov/hearing/federal-grant-management/

Monday – Thursday, July 30 – August 2, 2018 - National Conference of State Legislators Annual Summit: The National Conference of State Legislators will host their annual summit in Los Angeles July 30-August 2. The Natural Resources and Infrastructure committee will meet to consider policy directives and resolutions. Other sessions will focus on ethanol fuels, CAFÉ standards, and drinking water safety. OCIR Contact: Becky Cook-Shyovitz

Monday – Tuesday, July 30 – 31, 2018 – Rep. Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ-1): As part of a 2 week "RV-tour" by Representative Tom O'Halleran, his office has requested USEPA participation in a mine site visit of Claim 28 abandoned uranium mine in Blue Gap/Tachee chapter of Navajo Nation. Jack Jackson, Tribal Engagement Representative for the Congressman has

proposed the following itinerary: July 30 (evening) – Holiday Inn, Chinle AZ – Dinner and Presentation of US EPA work on Navajo Nation AUM CERCLA work (inclusive of discussion); July 31 (morning) – Blue Gap/Tachee Chapter House, AZ - Meet at chapter house, introductions and statements; Drive to Claim 28 mine: view and discuss mine, possible tour of UNM mobile lab; Return and conclude. Invitees will/may include: Dine Uranium Remediation Advisory Commissioner Sarafina Nez; Navajo Nation Council Speaker; Navajo Nation Council Delegate Kee Allen Begay, Jr.; Chapter President Aaron Yazzie; Phase 1 Trustee, Sadie Hoskie; Phase 2 RSE Trustee, Derrith Watchman-Moore; US EPA; Navajo Nation EPA; and Navajo Nation Abandoned Mine Lands Program. SFD Lead: Freyja Knapp

# **Recap of Recent Intergovernmental Meetings:**

Meeting with San Diego County Water Authority - On Tuesday, July 17, Karen Fligger, Office of Water WIFIA staff, joined OIR and Region 9 in a meeting with Bob Yamada, Water Resources Director of the San Diego County (CA) Water Authority, to discuss planned modifications to the Lewis Carlsbad Desalination Plant in Carlsbad, CA, and whether the project would be a good fit under the requirements and objectives of the WIFIA program. The County, working closely with privately-owned Poseidon Water, is seeking financing assistance to build a new intake structure to help the facility better support the drinking water needs of 1.3 million people as well as the region's vast agricultural economy through a multi-year water supply diversification plan, major infrastructure investments and forward-thinking policies that promote fiscal and environmental responsibility. Though the July 31 deadline for this year's WIFIA letters of interest is fast approaching, WIFIA staff strongly encouraged the San Diego County/Poseidon partnership to quickly develop and submit their letter of interest (LOI) package for this round of funding. Region 9 Water Division's Doug Eberhardt and Roger Gorke along with OPA's Brent Maier participated in this headquarters meeting via teleconference.